CONFERENCE ON "COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BALTIC STATES AND EUROPE." Speaking on 1 February at the Conference on Cooperation Between the Baltic States and Europe in Paris, the Foreign Ministers of the three Baltic States said the Baltic States' membership in NATO and the European Union would make their democracies more stable and thus benefit all countries, including Russia. The three ministers noted that economic reforms in their countries were surging ahead and significant progress had been made toward reducing inflation. French European Affairs Minister Alain Lamassoure sought to reassure the Baltic States--without offering security guarantees--by saying "Your security is our security. If you are under threat, we are under threat." -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

From the Joint Baltic American National Committee:

Russia's brutal attack on Grozny and its civilian population has left a city of 400,000 nearly empty, its former residents now refugees seeking shelter in the mountains around the capital. The indiscriminate bombing has reduced Grozny to rubble. According to a New York Times reporter, "it was impossible...to find a building that had remained undamaged...Huge fires raged in several parts of the city." Newspaper headlines scream of Russian troop brutality against civilians.

What can YOU do while the Chechens are courageously fighting for not only their freedom, but for the freedom of all peoples against Russian imperial domination? You can assist the innocent victims of this struggle by donating to the American Red Cross "Chechnya Relief" fund.

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